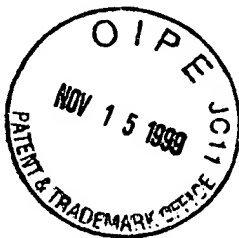


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Examiner: Fan Tsang
For: TELEPHONE CALL/VOICE PROCESSING SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Communication filed by the Examiner on October 12, 1999 (Paper No.11),
Applicants respond as follows:

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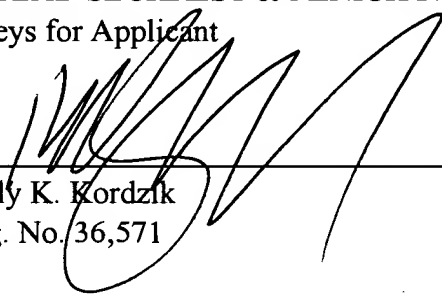
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Applicants respectfully assert that none of the prior art cited by the Examiner teaches or suggests the method as recited in claim 48, and further where the activation signal is initiated by the user while the user is listening to the voice mail while the voice mail message is being recorded into the user's mailbox by a caller. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully assert that none of the prior art cited by the Examiner teaches or suggests a system wherein the monitoring of the voice mail message while the message is being recorded into the user's mailbox occurs while the telephone off-hook.

Respectfully submitted,
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